



## Important Dates

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Little Bosco's  
9am to 11.30am  
Friday 6 November 2020

Welcome to  
Country  
Smoking Ceremony  
Monday 9 November 2020

Year 6 Camp begins  
Wednesday 11 November  
2020

Year 1-2 Assembly -  
2.15pm  
Wednesday 11 November  
2020

Year 5 Activity Day  
#2  
Friday 13 November 2020

Little Bosco's  
9am to 11.30am  
Friday 13 November 2020

Year 5 Activity Day  
#1  
Thursday 12 November 2020

Year 6 Campers  
return  
Friday 13 November 2020

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## Upcoming Events

SJB End of Year  
Community Event

Date: Friday 4 December

Time: 6:00pm

Venue: St John Bosco  
School - Brooklyn Park

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## Principal's Message



Term 4 is definitely in full swing! Over the last few weeks we have had many events that have truly showcased the gifts and talents of our children and staff.

We eventually had our 2020 Sports Day on Friday 23rd November, it was a case of third time lucky! The day was absolutely wonderful, there was a real positive energy amongst the community. Our Physical Education Teacher, Dino is to be commended for his planning and passion to ensure the children had a fun filled day while displaying their skills and abilities. Congratulations to the Saint Maria Mazzarello Team for winning the day. The Saint Dominic Savio Team narrowly won the Spirit Award for demonstrating positive team spirit throughout the day.

A big thank you to Franca for organising Book Week, the community embraced this year's theme "Curious Creatures, Wild Minds" with some absolutely wonderful costumes parading in the sun filled courtyard. Our Scholastic Book Fair was also a success with many children making purchases. From the wonderful support of our families we have \$530.00 to purchase books for our library. Next year's theme has already been launched "Old Words, New Worlds, Other Worlds". I look forward to seeing the creative and imaginative costumes next year, we would also like to see many of our younger siblings dressing up.

On Friday the 30th October we celebrated Mission Day, congratulations to Catherine and the students on the Mission Day Committee. The event was a huge success with many different stalls and activities for our children to peruse. The community raised a substantial amount to donate to our sister schools in Samoa. The busyness of the term continues with many activities planned in the coming weeks to ensure the term flies by!

We are beginning to plan for next year with our staff beginning to work on 2021 class placements in the coming weeks. If you have any special considerations you would like us to be aware of please email me personally and we can do our very best to assist families.

Wishing you a wonderful weekend.

Kate Turner

03.11.20

## SACPSSA Athletics Carnival

Thirty-seven children were selected to attend the carnival and many more students must be commended for the effort and time they committed for participating in the school trials which preceded the carnival. I must say I was very proud of our children in the manner they conducted themselves on the day. The children showcased our school in the best possible way by competing in true sportsperson like spirit and by giving their best.

Highlights of the day was Jack Fielden's first place in the symbolic 1500m event and Rose Browne who won the age champion for the Year 6 girls.

I would like to thank the parents who volunteered their time in assisting with the day. A special mention to Tanya Smerdon who officiated in the carnival, Hayley Burgon, Voula Antonopoulos, Tash Paterakis and Kate Turner for being so giving of their time managing the running of the day. I would also like to thank all our students who were so supportive of each other's efforts and the manner in which they conducted themselves representing our school. Their invaluable with endless cheering and creating a unique St John Bosco community spirit!

I wish to also thank all the school staff for all their support and help throughout the whole journey which culminates in taking the students to the carnival and most importantly in creating a successful and memorable day in the students' school lives.

A great team effort by all!

Dino Zandona  
PE Co-ordinator





30.10.20

## Mission Day

Students, staff and family members worked together in the spirit of generosity and good will. Even though we were unable to have family guests present due to Covid restrictions, your support of donations and the purchase of raffle tickets made your presence felt. Our very entrepreneurial Year 5/6 Students stepped up to independently run very successful stalls and activities for the younger students. Their efforts alone raised over \$900. A personal thank you to our amazing hard working 2020 Year 6 Mission Day Committee: Mikayla, Despina, Jack and Madhava who so enthusiastically worked behind the scenes providing support with coordinating the logistics of the Day. Their moving Liturgy called upon the students present to stop and be grateful for what we have and pray for those families throughout the world that are living in poverty.

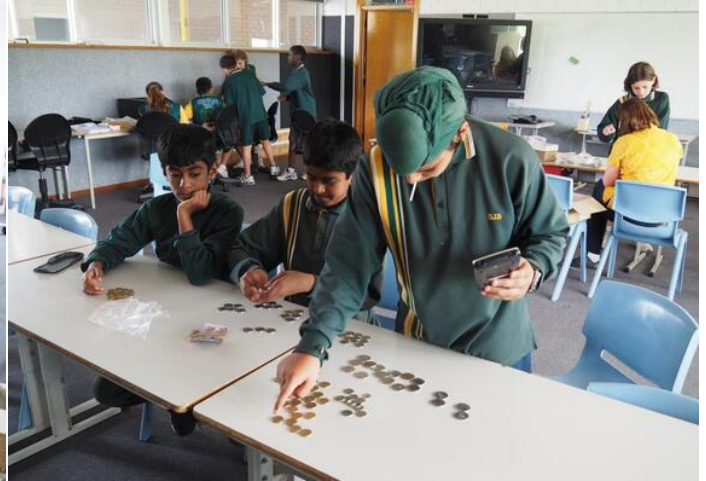
We raised a total of just over \$2500! All money will be sent to our two sister schools in Samoa and Catholic Mission. Having visited and worked with the Sisters in these schools, I know that every cent donated is spent on valuable resources for a better education of these children.



With gratitude,  
Catherine Birchmore









## Sports Day

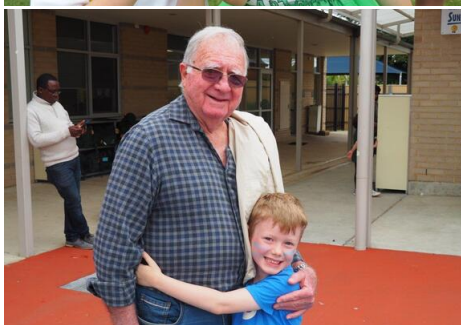


On Friday 23rd October our community came together for Sports Day. It was a pleasure to observe the skills and determination of our athletes.

Saint Maria Mazzarello, the Blue Team were victorious on the day. With our Saint Dominic Savio, the Gold Team narrowly winning the Spirit Award.













## Little Bosco's Transition Program



We lovingly welcome our little BoscOs into our St John Bosco Community. The children have begun their transition program, which will assist them in preparing for their journey into school life. This program is a valuable and exciting opportunity for our new 2021 Reception children, we look forward to walking alongside them as they begin their learning journey at St John Bosco School.





17.10.20

## Stem in the Senior Unit

STEM is an important aspect of student learning as jobs in the future will require digital skills, how to problem solve, be innovative and to think creatively. STEM lessons provide opportunities to learn these skills which will enable them to adapt to our rapidly changing world as they learn to be flexible, work collaboratively and to think critically.

In the senior unit during rotation lessons, students are provided with an inquiry question and need to identify the problem/challenge. They use the design & engineering process to generate a range of possible solutions to the problem, which can be tested, improved and evaluated.



The senior unit students have been working on a range of challenges throughout the year. They are currently working with the Lego Mindstorms EV3 Robotics kits. These kits allow students to bring their robot designs to life and program them to move, talk and think by using block coding. The possibilities are endless and students will only be limited by their own imagination.

*"I like STEM lessons because we get the opportunity to imagine, design, create and reflect on the inquiry question in lots of different ways."* Grace

*"STEM helps you to develop your collaborative, technical and creative skills."* Juan T

*"I love building things in STEM and then coding them to move because I am engaged and focussed. We also get to work with others."* Rose

*"Creating and testing your own designs are the best things about STEM. I like working with others to problem-solve. You can achieve way more when you work in a team."* Juan M

Nicki Sharrad

Year 5/6 Senior Unit Teacher and Leader of Learning for Years 3-6



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## OSHC Community Event

Families are invited to join us for our second annual OSHC Community Event on Tuesday 24th November in the OSHC room from 3.30-5.30pm. We will enjoy a sausage sizzle as we mingle and look at our artwork displays and through our learning portfolios. Please note that all adults and visitors will be required to socially distance, and sign in on their arrival. If you would like to attend, please let an OSHC Educator know how many people in your family will be attending, for catering purposes.





Our service will be moving completely to the Xplor software to take all booking requests including permanent and casual bookings from the beginning of 2021. Now is a great opportunity to begin using the Xplor software.

We encourage families to download the Xplor Home app on a device to familiarise yourself with its functions and capabilities. Should you require any help with the app, please approach one of our staff members who will be able to support you through the process, or access the software's straightforward knowledge base using the link below. Please note the app icon above for your reference.

[Xplor Home App](#)

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### Year 6 Commemorative Tops

We have now finalised the design for our Year 6 Commemorative Tops with our supplier.

This year all orders for Commemorative Tops will be placed directly with Devon Clothing via the online shop that has been set up specifically for St John Bosco School.

Families will need to access the online portal and follow the instructions to place your orders. Sizing information can be located on the online portal and sizing samples are also available in the 5-6ZT classroom. Please keep in mind that you may need to allow for growth over the holiday break.

Families wishing to purchase more than one top can do so, but please keep in mind, it must be done at this time only. No further orders can be taken at a later date.

The cost of the tops is \$44.00 and this amount needs to be paid up front upon ordering by no later than **Wednesday 25th November**.

Should you experience any issues in making payment or have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the school Office on 82494900.

[2021 Year 6 Commemorative Top](#)

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### Tuition Fees

All families will have received final Tuition Fee Statements for the 2020 year.

Fees are to be paid in full by Monday 30th November 2020.

If your family circumstances have changed and you are facing financial hardship please contact Louise Kennewell or Katerina Andrushenko via email [finance@sjb.catholic.edu.au](mailto:finance@sjb.catholic.edu.au) or phone 8249 4900.

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## MSP Photography

Don't forget to submit orders for 2020 Student Voice, Choir, Year 6 Muck-up and Year 6 Photos by no later than Friday 13th November. Photos are on display in the school Office and payment envelopes can be collected from the Office.

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*A reminder....*

## Year 7 Enrolments

Year 7 enrolments for new students, including siblings must be submitted by the end of Year 4.

*Applications for Year 7, 2023 must be received by 18 December, 2020.*

***For all enrolment information please visit***

**[www.nazareth.org.au/college/enrolment](http://www.nazareth.org.au/college/enrolment)**

